



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2322**

**A bill to amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, to include employees of the District of Columbia courts as participants in long term care insurance for federal employees**

*As ordered reported by the Committee on Governmental Affairs on June 2, 2004*

S. 2322 would reinstate eligibility for employees of the District of Columbia courts in the long-term care insurance program sponsored by the federal government. The program allows certain federal employees (those eligible to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program) and qualified relatives access to private long-term care insurance at a group discount. Employees of the D.C. courts were originally allowed to participate in the program but the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 removed them from the eligibility rolls.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 2322 would have no effect on the federal budget. The federal government does not contribute toward enrollees' premiums, and the contractors offering long-term care insurance reimburse the Office of Personnel Management for the costs it incurs in administering the program.

This legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act; any net costs to the D.C. government would be minimal.

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